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NOTES PRODUCTION DIFFICULTIES, CUT COSTS AT RADIO PLANT

SCORE SHORTCOMINGS IN MANUFACTURE OF BERGMANN TUBING -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 7 Mar 51

The "Elprom (Electrical Products) - Bulgarski" Bergmann /Tubing Industrial Plant /in Sofia? has provided a new heating device for the impregnation boiler, which helps to save 20 workdays, or 600,000 leva yearly. An additional saving of 500,000 leva is achieved by rewinding used transmission belts with special winding machines. Wasta has been reduced by 2 percent as compared to 1050, which is ing machines. Waste has been reduced by 2 percent as compared to 1950, which is still inadequate; a further reduction would have been possible if the enterprise had been provided with proper materials. The paper furnished by the Petko Napetov factory is damp and rough.

The warehouses of the plant are crowded ith finished goods. About 500,000 Bergmann tubes have not been marketed yet. These bottlenecks are caused by carelessness on the part of customers who fail to keep agreements, as well as by faulty production plans.

The plant has no drying installation for the finished articles, which causes additional waste. Asphalt and coal are left in the yard without any protection and completely exposed to the weather. Some scales in the paper warehouse are inaccurate.

The prompt repair and reconditioning of the warehouses is urgent. The belts used for tube winding should all be of the same length, and the casting room should 'e provided with a drum and other improvements, which will mean better results in the materials-saving campaign.

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REDUCE COST AT ELECTRONIC-EQUIPMENT PLANT -- Sofia, Izgrev, 9 Mar 51

The campaign for cost reduction and increased productivity at the Kliment Voroshilov electronic equipment plant in Sofia has achieved very satisfactory results. Workers of the amplifier shop have started to operate on severall installations simultaneously. Magnets for loudspeakers have been produced in Bulgaria for the first time, and saved tens of millions of leva in foreign currency. The wooden cabinets of radio sets and loudspeakers have been replaced by bakelite, and a new cabinet is produced every 7 minutes. The new method and material have already saved 100 million leva. The production plan for February has been exceeded and the quality of goods has been improved considerably.

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